GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:656
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2016
Delay in Doubling Work
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for delay in doubling work of around 247 kilometer broad gauge line between Palanpur to Patan;

(b) whether the Government has received any complaints with regard to damage caused to 'Rani ki Vav' located in Patan of Gujarat due to operation of trains in the past and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Archaeological Survey of India has registered its objection on the rail line passing through 'Rani ki Vav' and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government is formulating any scheme in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has fixed any time limit to complete the said railway project and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 656 BY SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.04.2016 REGARDING DELAY IN DOUBLING WORK

(a): Palanpur and Patan are connected by 105 km long broad gauge network via Mahesana. No work of doubling on this section has been sanctioned and hence, question of delay for completion does not arise.

(b) : No, Madam.

(c) to (e): Patan−Bhildi new line project includes renovation of old railway line from Patan to Khalipur (10 km) and 40 km new construction from Khalipur to Bhildi. The track linking has been executed in Patan-Khalipur section except for work near 'Rani ki Vav' which was objected by Archeological Survey of India (ASI). Railway had approached National Monument Authority (NMA) for grant of No Objection Certificate (NOC) in this regard, which was denied by them. Consequently, railway suggested an alternative alignment for which "No Objection Certificate (NOC)" was issued by Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi on 06.05.2015. Railway accordingly planned and started execution of project including the process of land acquisition on the alternative alignment. However, Superintending Archeologist, Vadodara has approached National Monument Authority for review of the No Objection Certificate (NOC) granted by them.

As a result, no time line has been fixed for completion of Patan-Bhildi new line project.
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